

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed January 4, 2005. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 6, 8 – 9, 11 – 16 and 21 remain pending. In particular, Applicant has amended claims 11 and 21. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Office Action indicates that claims 6, 8, 9, 11 – 16 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Fu*. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

With respect to *Fu*, Applicant respectfully asserts that *Fu* is concerned with providing a computer printer system that is particularly adapted for printing to a remote printer that eliminates the need for a myriad of printer drivers being installed on the host server.

Specifically, *Fu* discloses:

[0057] In FIG. 3 a similar flow chart is shown of a print file being processed on a client-server computer system according to the present invention. Using the same desktop computer 20, the user makes a request for a file to be printed. Host server 12 receives the print request and uses a universal printer driver to prepare a universal print file for transmission to PC 20 over network connection 14. In this case, the universal printer driver creates a compressed, transmittable printer file having a "pdf" format. The universal print file for the same 15 page document is now 68 KB in size, and takes far less time to be transferred to PC 20. Once the universal print file is received, the user at PC 20 can optionally preview the document and can select the desired printer. The universal printer file reader will then interpret the universal print file, and *PC 20 will then forward the universal print file to printer 21 where it is printed.*

[0058] As is seen, using this approach results in a much smaller file being transferred over network 14, so that the time for transfer is reduced. Also, the host server 12 no longer needs to identify or support printer 21, and does not even need to know which type of printer is to be selected. Host server 12 now merely uses the universal printer driver to create a universal print file. Accordingly, the number of printer drivers stored on the host server 12 is greatly reduced. *The remote PC 20 is now used to merely forward the universal print file to the printer 21.*

[0059] *Similar flow charts would be used for any of the remote PC systems shown in FIG. 1, namely PCs 30, 40, 50 and 60, whether connected through the LAN 14, the WAN 15 or the Internet 16, when printing on printers 31, 41, 51, and 61 respectively.*
(Emphasis Added).

In this regard, Applicant has amended claims 11 and 21 to more clearly distinguish over *Fu*. Specifically, claim 11 has been amended to recite that "the document retrieval system communicates the information corresponding to the document to the network printer without further use of the remote print request system." Claim 21 has been amended to recite that "information for printing the document is communicated to the network printer, without using the PDA." Therefore, independent claims 11 and 21 are believed to patentably define over *Fu*, because *Fu* uses the PCs for forwarding the information to the printers as described above.

Turning now to the claims, claim 11 has been amended to recite:

11. A print system for use with an intranet, the intranet being configured to store information corresponding to documents available for printing, said print system comprising:

a document retrieval system communicatively coupled with the intranet, said document retrieval system being configured to receive document reference information corresponding to a document to be printed and printer information corresponding to a network printer and, in response thereto, provide print information corresponding to the document to be printed to the network printer via the Internet such that the network printer prints the document; and

*a remote print request system configured to communicatively couple with said document retrieval system, said remote print request system being further configured to receive document reference information corresponding to documents available for printing via the intranet, **store the document reference information remotely from the intranet**, enable selection by a user of a document to be printed, and **provide the document reference information corresponding to a document selected to be printed to said document retrieval system such that the document retrieval system communicates the information corresponding to the document to the network printer without further use of the remote print request system.***

(Emphasis Added).

Applicant respectfully asserts that *Fu* does not teach or reasonably suggest at least the features/limitations emphasized above in claim 11. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 11 is in condition for allowance.

Since claims 12 - 16 incorporate all the features/limitations of claim 11, Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims also are in condition for allowance. Additionally, these claims recite other features/limitations that can serve as an independent basis for patentability.

With respect to claim 21, that claim has been amended to recite:

21. A method for remotely printing a document, said method comprising:
communicatively coupling a personal digital assistant (PDA) to an intranet, the intranet providing access to document reference information corresponding to documents available for printing;
storing the document reference information with the PDA;
retrieving printer information corresponding to a network printer using the PDA, the network printer being configured to communicatively coupled with the intranet via the Internet; and
communicating, from the PDA, the printer information and the document reference information corresponding to a document to be printed such that information for printing the document is communicated to the network printer, without using the PDA, via the intranet and the Internet with the document being printed at the network printer.
(Emphasis Added).

Applicant respectfully asserts that *Fu* does not teach or reasonably suggest at least the features/limitations emphasized above in claim 21. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 21 is in condition for allowance.

Since claims 6, 8 and 9 incorporate all the features/limitations of claim 21, Applicant respectfully asserts that these claims also are in condition for allowance. Additionally, these claims recite other features/limitations that can serve as an independent basis for patentability.

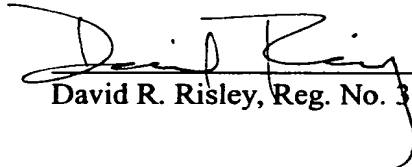
Cited Art Made of Record

The cited art made of record has been considered, but is not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.

CONCLUSION

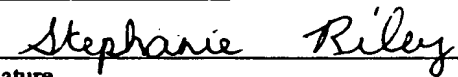
In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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